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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: Charles E. Allen
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Narcotics

SUBJECT: Vice President's Task Force on Combatting Terrorism

1. The first meeting of the Senior Review Group for the Vice President's Task Force on Combatting Terrorism was held 11 September. Due to a last minute requirement to meet with the House Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power, I was unable to attend. My assistant represented me.

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2. Jim reports that the meeting dealt with organizational matters. Admiral Holloway, the Task Force Executive Director, recapped his planned tasks, schedule, and objectives. Ambassador Peck reviewed the Task Force travel plan. Each member of the Working Group then followed with a report on the status of his particular assignment. Their work is still in the formative stage. Issue papers will not be ready for review until 15 October. Admiral Holloway is, nevertheless, determined to deliver the report to the Vice President before the first of the year. Admiral Holloway made specific reference to the meeting of Task Force Principals scheduled for 18 September and invited principals to raise topics for discussion there, and cited the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service as an example of a pertinent development that would merit discussion.

3. Discussion by the Review Group was brief. Ambassador Borg raised the question of whether this Task Force would cover any of the same ground that Admiral Inman's study covered. Admiral Holloway tactfully replied that this Task Force would try not to duplicate work that had already been done, but emphasized that this review had its own unique perspective and would not rule out any area from its purview. At that point, Admiral Holloway apologized for truncating the discussion, but pointed out that another group was slated to use the meeting room.



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4. I will prepare a briefing book for your use at the principals meeting 18 September, and will be prepared to accompany you.


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